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Examining Group 2662**

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Application No.: 09/250,968 ) Art Group: 2662  
Filed: February 16, 1999 )  
For: METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING )  
AUTOMATIC PROTECTION )  
SWITCHING (APS) USING CELL )  
REPLICATION )

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 10, 2004, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.